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Proposed OO-F Scientific Information Reports

1. It has been developed in conversation with of Scientific Branch, ORE, that

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- a. Scientific Branch is interested in laboratory details of pure research, not in technological applications;
- b. the Branch for ten weeks combed FBIB publications thoroughly, and satisfied itself that broadcast material could not supply significant information in satisfaction of this requirement;
- c. the Branch continues to scan briefly FBIB publications for general articles of some interest;
- d. it is not possible to give FBIB guidance more specific than that supplied for the weekly targets: for example, a watch list of scientists would be 100000 names long, and the Branch does not have sufficient information from other sources to evaluate the mention of any individual name;
- e. the Branch is satisfied with present FBIB collection procedure, reserving the right to make particular collection requests if occasion arises.

2. Since republication of all scientific material covered by the weekly targets in OO-F report form would require a major diversion of attention and probably some increase in FBIB staff, and since the expected yield is indicated as negligible, it is recommended that the project be abandoned.

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